



Notice of Workshops

Wastewater/Stormwater Discharge Permit Fee Public Workshops in November and December

from Ecology's Water Quality Program

**Workshops begin
at 1:30 p.m. at the
following dates
and locations:**

November 19

Shadle Library
2111 W Wellesley
Spokane, WA

November 20

Hal Holmes
Community Center
201 N Ruby Street
Ellensburg, WA

December 2

Fairhaven Library
1117 12th Street
Bellingham, WA

December 4

Cowlitz Co. PUD
961 12th Ave.
Longview, WA

December 9

US Fish & Wildlife
510 Desmond Dr.,
Suite 102
Lacey, WA

Background

The Washington Department of Ecology administers state and federal permit programs to regulate wastewater and stormwater discharges into Washington's surface and ground waters. Wastewater discharge permit holders include large and small industries such as pulp mills, fish hatcheries, and food processing facilities. Domestic wastewater treatment plants operated by government entities are also required to have wastewater discharge permits.

In accordance with state water pollution control law—RCW 90.48.465 – all holders of permits are required to pay fees. Ecology uses fees collected from permit holders to recover all eligible costs associated with operating Ecology's wastewater discharge permit program. The program's operating budget is determined by the state Legislature.

Upcoming Workshops

Ecology will hold five public workshops to discuss proposed amendments to the permit fee rule. Issues that will be discussed at the workshops include:

- Increasing fees for fiscal years 2005 and 2006
- Expanding the definition for animal units
- Establishing fees for Phase 2 Municipal Stormwater entities
- Re-examining the definition for Noncontact Cooling Water

For More Information

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